

PROPOSED CLAIM CHANGES
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Examiner Joshua Kennedy, GAU 3679

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10. (Currently Amended): Lock pin with push-button-operated axial locking, comprising:
- a tubular body having radially outwards directed recesses;
 - an actuating plunger in said tubular body and axially displaceable under spring loading;
 - a plurality of rigid locking elements pointing in opposite directions which are mounted in said radially outwards directed recesses in the body and which are moved by pressure of said plunger, each of said plurality of rigid locking elements having at least one semi-circular claw-like portion arranged to interlock the plurality of rigid locking elements together in an interlocked position, the semi-circular claw-like portions when interlocked forming a pivot bearing shell; and
- wherein a proximate end tip of the actuating plunger forms a bearing shaft that bears against the semi-circular claw-like portions of the locking elements which form a pivot bearing shell for the bearing shaft, the bearing shaft formed by the proximate end tip of the actuating plunger sitting within the semi-circular claw-like portions and holding the plurality of rigid locking elements together in the interlocked position.

REMARKS

Examiner Kennedy:

I propose amending the claims as shown above to even more clearly define the bearing shells 22 (Figs. 1-3). The tip of the pushrod 8 forms a bearing shaft that fits within the bearing shells and holds the locking elements 2, 3 together so that the device can be manufactured "pinless". I believe you will find that these features are not shown or suggested in the cited art. However, if you would like to suggest any additional changes, please feel free to let me know during our discussion tomorrow.